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Secretary Lyng Hosts 40th Anniversary of the National School Lunch Program



Secretary Richard Lyng (above left) hosted a breakfast meeting for members of the National Advisory Council on Child Nutrition recently to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the National School Lunch Program. It was 40 years ago that President Truman signed the National School Lunch Act. In his remarks to the Council, Lyng described his early involvement in the program and the establishment of the Food and Nutrition Service as an agency during his tenure as Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services. Seated with Lyng is Deputy Administrator for Special Nutrition George Braley.

Later that same day, the Council continued its celebration during a break in its discussions by singing a rousing "Happy Birthday" to the National School Lunch Program as Assistant Secretary John W. Bode cut the birthday cake. The cake, which was baked by Jean Riffe, a recent FNS retiree, featured a one-room red school house. The cake was heartily enjoyed by all.



Shown are (from left) Assistant Secretary for Food and Consumer Services John W. Bode; Peggy Hidey, Child Development Specialist; Rene Weber, Urban School Foodservice Director; and Al Falatko, Department of Education Liaison.

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This year's Council members discussed current issues, legislative proposals, and other concerns regarding the Child Nutrition Programs. The Council made nine recommendations which will become part of this year's biennial report to the Congress and the President, due December 31, 1986. Those attending the Child Nutrition Advisory Council meeting are shown outside the Department's Administration Building. They are (from left) Rene Weber, Urban School Foodservice Director; Timothy Mertz, School Foodservice Management Expert; Peggy Hidey, Child Development Specialist; Glenna Simpson, Teacher; Deputy Administrator George Braley, Executive Secretary; Ralph Chester, Chaperone for Student Member; Regional Administrator Andy Hornsby, Agency Representative; Aaron Chester, Student; Lisa LaVoie, Chaperone for Student Member; Administrator Robert Leard, Vice Chairperson; Tom LaVoie, Student; Child Nutrition Division Director Sam Bauer; Frances Winslow, Rural School Foodservice Director; Charles Brown, State Director; Al Falatko, Department of Education Liaison; Leonard Jonte, School Board; Gerti Thomas, Nutrition Expert; Judy Wolfersberger, Parent; and Beverly Wheatley, Parent.



Drive Carefully
Kids Are Back In School



Compliance Branch "VIPER" Investigation Nabs State Legislator

A Montana State legislator was arrested in Missoula, Montana, after Tom Kielbowicz, a Compliance Branch investigator, sold the man \$1,000 worth of food stamps at his store. The store was initially identified for investigation by the VIPER (Violation Prone Evaluation/Review) system. VIPER, developed by a contractor and currently being tested nationally, is a proposed management concept for the systematic detection of violations of food stamp rules by authorized stores. This was one of the first VIPER test cases to be completed by the Compliance Branch. Following two successful discounting attempts, Investigator Kielbowicz contacted the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and, under OIG supervision, escalated the case to felony-level trafficking. A total of \$1,700 in food stamps was discounted for cash. A Federal grand jury has returned a 4-count felony indictment against the lawmaker.

Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has announced that the 1986 Health Benefits Open Season will be held from November 10 to December 5, 1986. During this period, Federal workers will be given the opportunity to review available plans and elect their 1987 health insurance coverage.

It has been reported that the health insurance premiums will increase approximately 14 percent in January. The increase is partly because of new or expanded coverage for drug rehabilitation.

Your servicing personnel office will make every effort to ensure that each eligible employee receives open season materials before November 10, 1986. The materials will be made available so each eligible unenrolled and enrolled employee may make an informed choice.

SNP Announces Personnel Changes

Effective September 14, 1986, two Special Nutrition Programs Division Directors will exchange jobs. Alberta Frost will become the Director of the Food Distribution Division and Joe Shepherd will become Director of the Nutrition and Technical Services Division. These individuals will bring new perspectives to their new jobs while assuring consistency within the commodity processing systems. The two divisions are interrelated so the exchange provides an excellent opportunity for staff development.

National Advisory Council on Maternal, Infant and Fetal Nutrition

The Advisory Council met on August 19-21, 1986, in Alexandria, Virginia. The group continued its study of the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), and worked towards drafting recommendations for the Council's 1986 report to the President and Congress. Fifteen of 21 members from across the country attended the meeting.

Administrator Robert Leard opened the meeting with a general welcome and introduction. Deputy Administrator for Special Nutrition Programs George Braley reviewed procedures to be followed in developing recommendations. He also provided a legislative update on the WIC and CSF Programs. Various staff members provided short briefings on program funding and participation, studies, and current program issues. Assistant Secretary John Bode addressed the Council on several issues of current concern. Approximately 17 recommendations were developed which address administrative, regulatory, and legislative changes for WIC and CSFP. The report is due to be submitted to the President and Congress early in Fiscal Year 1987.

FNS Managers Recognized for Supporting Military



Department of Defense awards were presented to the awardees to recognize the support and cooperation they lend to staff who are involved in the military Guard and Reserve. Shown (from left) are Administrator Andy Hornsby, FNP Food Program Specialist Jim Nohelty; FNP Food Program Specialist Javier Sanchez; Assistant Administrator Ralph Picone; FDP Unit Leader Steve Robbins; and FNP Director Peter Santos.

Three FNS managers in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office (MARO) were cited by the Department of Defense for supporting MARO staff who are involved in the military Guard and Reserve.

Awards were presented to Administrator Andy Hornsby, Assistant Administrator Ralph Picone, and Family Nutrition Programs (FNP) Director Peter Santos from the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Making the presentations were Food Distribution Program Unit Leader Steve Robbins and FNP Food Program Specialists Jim Nohelty and Javier Sanchez, who are in the Navy Reserves, Army Reserves, and the National Guard, respectively.

"In the case of all three managers, year after year they have been cooperative and supportive of our

giving service to the military," said Robbins, formerly a unit leader for the Food Stamp Program. "They never protested or challenged leave periods (active duty) even if the time involved caused a conflict with our Food Stamp Program work."

The MARO militiamen had submitted applications to the Defense Committee to nominate the three awardees. According to Robbins, the Department of Defense checks to see if nominees have any complaints lodged against them by their employees. The Department then decides if the nominees merit recognition based on the justifications written by their nominators.

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Public Affairs Staff

Field Office Spotlight



Eileen McCormack



It wouldn't surprise anyone who knows Eileen McCormack of the Philadelphia field office that she was able to become friendly with "Ralph." Eileen occasionally has to travel throughout the Philadelphia area checking stores that participate in the Food Stamp Program. Ralph is sort of one of her clients. He is a large German shepherd that protects one of the stores that she visits.

McCormack's love for dogs can be evidenced at her New Jersey home, where she always welcomes stray pups and cares for them for as long as they want to stay.

Making friends with people also is a trait of McCormack and one of the aspects of her job as a field representative that she really enjoys. She says that she looks forward to going out every day, traveling and meeting new people in southern New Jersey, the area that she covers.

Formerly with the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office Family Nutrition Programs, McCormack became a member of the field team in 1985.

McCormack has been mixing work, motherhood, and education for more than 30 years. In addition to her position as a field representative, she is the mother of 15 children and the holder of three associate degrees (Respiratory Therapy, English, and Art), a bachelors degree (Biological Science), and a masters degree (Adult Education).

In her "spare" time McCormack writes articles for newsletters of her hometown Knights of Columbus and Irish Americans clubs.

NOTE: Eileen McCormack is currently on detail to the MARO Public Affairs Office.

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Marian Wig
Photo by Pat Cumiskey
Mid-Atlantic Region

Field Office Spotlight



Pearl Watson



Food Program Specialist Pearl Watson of the Charleston, West Virginia field office was appointed by the public speaking organization Toastmasters International to be an area governor.

This promotion, which occurred last summer, brought quite a change in responsibilities for Watson. As an area governor, she is in charge of training officers, expanding membership in the organization, and evaluating the seven clubs now under her jurisdiction. In the past, Watson held the offices of club treasurer and secretary treasurer.

Watson, who has been a member of Toastmasters since 1981, says that she is enjoying her new role and hopes that under her management the club will expand to become the largest in the area and the most active.

Before locating to West Virginia, Watson was the administrative vice president for the club in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office.

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Mid-Atlantic Region

OIC Joe Justice is "Numero Uno" in MARO



At the Mid-Atlantic Region's Officers-in-Charge (OIC) meeting, Regional Administrator Andy Hornsby (second from left) presented Richmond's OIC Joe Justice (left) with a "token of appreciation." Justice was given a coffee mug, inscribed with "Numero Uno." Justice was the first OIC in

the region to withdraw a retailer's authorization from the Food Stamp Program subsequent to disqualification from the WIC Program. Pat Dombroski, regional Supplemental Food Program (SFP) director, and Alan Crane, chief, SFP program evaluation section, joined Hornsby in recognizing Justice.

GS-1 to Acting Assistant Administrator

Mike Metcalf, the Southwest Region's Acting Assistant Administrator, retired on May 29, 1986, after 31 years of USDA service.

Metcalf joined the regional food stamp office in 1941 as what would later be the equivalent of a GS-1. He left USDA in 1947 to work in private industry, but, in 1961, returned as a GS-4 clerk. Metcalf received various promotions and field assignments until 1971 when he settled down in Dallas as a supervisor in the Special Nutrition Programs. He served there for almost 15 years.

Last year he assumed the district manager position in the Southwest's field operations office, and earlier this year was appointed Acting Assistant Administrator as well as the district manager.

Going into retirement, Metcalf has fond memories of his Federal career. "I wouldn't change a thing if I had to do it all over again," he says. "I've been fortunate to be placed in positions where I was given the opportunity to grow."



- Story and Photo by Yves Gerem
SWRO Public Affairs Staff

Nutrition Task Force Meets On Reservation

A nutrition education task force has grown out of a commodity site visit last fall to Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation in South Dakota. MPRO staff--who accompanied Nutrition and Technical Services Division staff on that visit--have served as a catalyst in bringing together persons and groups providing food programs and nutrition education for tribes.

Developing the task force was motivated by a desire to furnish compatible nutrition education to those on the reservations. The initial meeting brought together representatives of tribal programs that included WIC, Elderly Feeding, and Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations; high-school and Extension Service home economists; Public Health Service hospital dietary personnel; and South Dakota food distribution staff. The group focused on the Make Your Food Dollars Count materials: their potential, their limitations, and possible modifications for use in a reservation setting.

Many of those present had not met before, and welcomed the opportunity to share information and ideas. The group plans to meet on a quarterly basis with Roslyn Bolzer, Rosebud WIC nutritionist, as coordinator. Mountain Plains staff will monitor the effort's effectiveness and study using the same approach for the benefit of other reservations in the future.

-Story by Joanne Widner
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Post-1956 Military Service Deposit Deadline

This is a reminder that the deadline to make an interest-free deposit for post-1956 military service is September 30, 1986. In order for the National Finance Center to accept the agency's certification that an employee's payment was received on time, both the employee's check/money order and the AD-343, Payroll Action Request, must be dated on or before September 30, 1986.

Flu Shots Offered At Park Center

Influenza vaccine, "Flu Shots," for this season will be given in the Park Office Center Health Unit, Room 214, on Tuesday, October 7, 1986, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. This year the influenza virus vaccine contains the A/Mississippi, A/Chile, and B/Ann Arbor strains. The charge is \$3.00 and no appointment is necessary.

Those who are allergic to eggs or chicken should NOT take the injections and pregnant women should consult their physician beforehand.

Job Opportunities

Job Title	Series	Grade	Closing Date	Vacancy Number	Organizational Unit
*Computer Programmer Analyst	GS-0334	9/11/12	9-22-86	86-29	IRMD
Secy-Typing/Steno (CANCELLED)	GS-318	7	9-22-86	86-30	PED
**Financial Mgmt Specialist	GM-0501	14	9-24-86	86-31	ORO
***Secretary/Typing	GS-318	6/7	9-18-86	86-32	OAE
****Secretary/Typing	GS-318	5	9-29-86	86-33	DAM
***Secretary/Typing	GS-318	5/6	9-22-86	86-34	ORO/ARD
****Clerk/Typist	GS-322	2/3/4	Open until filled	86-35	PED
***Supvry Program Analyst (Temp Promotion NTE 7/31/86)	GM-345	13	9-29-86	86-36	PAD
*Statistician (General) (2 Positions)	GS-1530	12	10-6-86	86-37	PAD
*Accountant	GS-510	5/7	10-6-86	86-38	FM
***Secretary Typing	GS-318	6/7	9-24-86	86-39	SNP
*****Secretary Typing	GS-318	5	10-6-86	86-40	PID
*****Secretary Typing	GS-318	5/6	10-6-86	86-41	ASD
*Nutritionist	GS-630	7	10-6-86	86-H-20	HNIS

PED - Personnel Division
 ORO - Office of Regional Operations
 OAE - Office of Analysis and Evaluation
 DAM - Deputy Administrator for Management
 PAD - Program Accountability Division
 FNP - Family Nutrition Programs
 FM - Financial Management
 SNP - Special Nutrition Programs
 PID - Program Information Division
 HNIS - Human Nutrition Information Service
 ASD - Administrative Services Division
 IRMD - Information Resources Management Division
 ORO/ARD - Administrative Review Division; Alexandria, VA

*All Sources

**FNS-Wide

***FNS-Headquarters

****Local Commuting Area

*****USDA-Wide

*****Government-Wide